

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 883

BY REPRESENTATIVE PERRY

LIBRARIES: Provides relative to the Vermilion Parish Library Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
3 comprised of R.S. 25:295 through 295.3, relative to the Vermilion Parish Law
4 Library Commission; to repeal such commission and the powers, rights, and duties
5 of such commission; to provide for the transfer of any assets or liabilities of the
6 commission; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
12 comprised of R.S. 25:295 through 295.3, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

13 Section 2. The Vermilion Parish Library Board of Control shall be the successor to
14 the Vermilion Parish Law Library Commission. All obligations, property, records, and
15 employees of the Vermilion Parish Law Library Commission shall be transferred to the
16 Vermilion Parish Library Board of Control. All monies currently held by the Vermilion
17 Parish Law Library Commission shall be used to update and maintain the law books of the
18 Vermilion Parish library system.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Abolishes the Vermilion Parish Law Library Commission and transfers the assets and obligations of the commission to the Vermilion Parish Library Board of Control.

Present law creates the Vermilion Parish Law Library Commission to establish, maintain, and operate a law library for the members of the Vermilion Parish bar.

Present law provides that the commission shall be comprised of seven members: one district court judge and six attorneys, all presiding or practicing in Vermilion Parish.

Present law provides that the revenues of the commission are derived by adding a cost of \$4.50 to the filing fee for each civil case filed in district court in Vermilion Parish. Of the fee, \$4 is to be conveyed to the commission and \$.50 is to be retained by the clerk to defray administrative expenses incurred in collecting such fees.

Present law provides the commission with certain rights:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To acquire property necessary for the commission's maintenance and operation.
- (3) To incur debt in anticipation of revenues.
- (4) To accept gifts and donations.
- (5) To establish rules and regulations in the conduct of its affairs.
- (6) To employ staff.
- (7) To require a bond for the handling of its funds.

Present law further provides that the commission shall operate entirely within the bounds of its revenues and shall not become a charge on the public of the parish or of the state.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law transfers the assets and liabilities of the commission to the Vermilion Parish Library Board of Control, which oversees the parish library system.

(Repeals R.S. 25:295-295.3)